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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNICOLORS, INC., a California Corporation;
11 Plaintiff,
12 vs.
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14 GOGO APPAREL, INC., a New York
15 Corporation; ROSS STORES, INC., A
16 California Corporation; and DOES 1-10,
17 inclusive,

18 Defendants.

Case Number: 2:16-cv-461

**PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR:
1. COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT
AND/OR
2. VICARIOUS AND/OR CONTRIBUTORY
COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

Jury Trial Demanded

19 Plaintiff UNICOLORS, Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "UNICOLORS") by and through its undersigned
20 attorneys, hereby prays to this honorable Court for relief and remedy based on the following:

21 **INTRODUCTION**

22 Plaintiff is a California-based company engaged in the apparel industry as a textile converter of
23 imported and domestic fabrications. Plaintiff creates, or purchases and obtains, exclusive rights
24 to unique two-dimensional graphic artworks for use on textiles and garments, and those textiles
25 and garments are transacted primarily in the fashion industry. Plaintiff owns these designs in
26 exclusivity and makes sales of products bearing these designs for profit. Plaintiff's business is
27 predicated on its ownership of these designs and it spends a considerable amount of time and
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resources creating and obtaining top-quality, marketable and aesthetically-appealing designs. Customers of Plaintiff, including possibly DOE defendants named herein, take design samples with the understanding and agreement that they will only utilize Plaintiff to reproduce said designs should they wish to do so, and will not seek to make minor changes to Plaintiff's proprietary work to reproduce the same elsewhere, yet use those designs in furtherance of their business in violation of both their contractual agreement with Plaintiff and Plaintiff's copyrights. No other party is authorized to make sales of product bearing Plaintiff's proprietary designs without express permission from Plaintiff. This action is brought to recover damages for direct, vicarious and contributory copyright infringement arising out of the misappropriation of Plaintiff's exclusive designs by the Defendants, and each of them.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*
2. This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338(a) and (b).
3. Venue in this judicial district is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(c) and 1400(a) in that this is the judicial district in which a substantial part of the acts and omissions giving rise to the claims occurred.

PARTIES

4. UNICOLORS, Inc. ("Plaintiff") is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California with its principal place of business in the County of Los Angeles, at 3251 East 26th Street, Vernon, CA 90058.
5. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendant GOGO APPAREL INC. ("GOGO APPAREL"), is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of New York and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 19 West 34 Street, Suite #912, New York, NY 10001.
6. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that ROSS STORES INC., ("ROSS"), is, and at all times herein mentioned was, a corporation organized and existing under the laws

1 of California and doing business in California, with its principal place of business at 5130
2 Hacienda Drive Dublin, CA 90021.

3 7. Named Defendants, and Does 1-10, may be collectively referred to as "Defendants."

4 8. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that some of Defendants Does 1
5 through 3, inclusive, are manufacturers and/or vendors of garments to Defendant, which
6 DOE Defendants have manufactured and/or supplied and are manufacturing and/or supplying
7 garments comprised of fabric printed with Plaintiff's copyrighted design(s) (as hereinafter
8 defined) without Plaintiff's knowledge or consent or have contributed to said infringement.

9 The true names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of defendants
10 sued herein as Does 1 through 3 are presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and therefore,
11 Plaintiff sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this
12 complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.

13 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each of defendants
14 designated as a DOE is responsible in some manner for the events alleged herein and the
15 damages caused thereby.

16 9. Defendants DOES 4 through 10, inclusive, are other parties not yet identified who have
17 infringed Plaintiff's copyrights, have contributed to the infringement of Plaintiff's
18 copyrights, or have engaged in one or more of the wrongful practices alleged herein. The true
19 names, whether corporate, individual or otherwise, and capacities of defendants sued herein
20 as Does 4 through 10 are presently unknown to Plaintiff at this time, and therefore, Plaintiff
21 sues said defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will seek leave to amend this
22 complaint to allege their true names and capacities when the same have been ascertained.

23 10. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereupon alleges that at all times relevant hereto each
24 of Defendants acted in concert with each other, was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,
25 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining defendants and was at all
26 times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship and/or
27 employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and adopted, or both, each
28 and all of the acts or conducts alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and circumstances,

1 including without limitation to full knowledge of each and every wrongful conducts and
2 Plaintiff's damages caused therefrom.

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4 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN**

5 11. Plaintiff is the owner and author of a two-dimensional artwork called TM1397, under title
6 ("Subject Design"). (Exhibit A).

7 12. Plaintiff applied for a copyright from the United States Copyright Office for the Subject
8 Design and was granted Registration No. VA 1-770-396 effective on February 14, 2011.
9 (Exhibit B).

10 13. Plaintiff formatted the Subject Design for use on textiles, sampled the Subject Design, and
11 negotiated sales of fabric bearing the Subject Design.

12 14. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's authorization,
13 Defendant GOGO APPAREL purchased, sold, manufactured, caused to be manufactured,
14 imported and/or distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design
15 which is identical, or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct copy of
16 such a garment is attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said garments include but are not limited to
17 garments sold by GOGO APPAREL bearing the label "Indulge" with RN 134782 which
18 indicates that the garments were manufactured by or for GOGO APPAREL.

19 15. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that, without Plaintiff's authorization,
20 Defendant ROSS purchased, sold, manufactured, caused to be manufactured, imported and/or
21 distributed fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical,
22 or substantially similar to, the Subject Design. A true and correct copy of such a garment is
23 attached hereto as Exhibit C. Said garments include but are not limited to garments sold by
24 ROSS bearing the label "Indulge" with RN 134782 which indicates that the garments were
25 manufactured by or for GOGO APPAREL.

26 16. At various times Defendant ROSS owned and controlled offline and/or online retail stores,
27 and each, Plaintiff's investigation revealed that garments comprised of fabric bearing the
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1 Subject Design were being offered for sale, garments which were manufactured and/or
2 imported under the direction of the Defendants, and each of them.

3 17. None of the aforementioned transactions were authorized by Plaintiff, and all were in
4 violation of Plaintiff's intellectual property rights.

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6 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

7 (For Copyright Infringement – Against all Defendants, and Each)

8 18. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the
9 allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 18, inclusive, of this Complaint.

10 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them,
11 accessed the Subject Design through, without limitation, the following: (a) access to
12 Plaintiff's design library; (b) access to authorized or unauthorized reproductions in the
13 possession of other vendors and/or DOE Defendants; and (c) access to Plaintiff's strike-offs,
14 swatches, paper CADs and samples.

15 20. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them,
16 infringed Plaintiff's copyright by importing, creating, making and/or developing directly
17 infringing and/or derivative works from the Subject Design and by importing, producing,
18 distributing and/or selling infringing garments through a nationwide network of retail stores,
19 catalogues, and online websites.

20 21. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered substantial damages to its
21 business in an amount to be established at trial.

22 22. Due to Defendants' acts of infringement, Plaintiff has suffered general and special damages
23 to its business in an amount to be established at trial.

24 23. Due to Defendants' acts of copyright infringement as alleged herein, Defendants, and each of
25 them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would not otherwise have realized but for
26 their infringement of the Subject Design. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of
27 Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable to Defendants' infringement of the
28 Subject Design in an amount to be established at trial.

1 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them,
2 have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or constructive knowledge of
3 Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a finding of willful infringement.
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5 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

6 (For Vicarious and/or Contributory Copyright Infringement – Against All Defendants)

7 25. Plaintiff repeats, re-alleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the
8 allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 25, inclusive, of this Complaint.

9 26. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them,
10 knowingly induced, participated in, aided and abetted in and resultantly profited from the
11 illegal reproduction, importation, purchase, distribution and/or sales of product featuring the
12 Subject Design as alleged herein above.

13 27. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, are
14 vicariously liable for the infringement alleged herein because they had the right and ability to
15 supervise the infringing conduct and because they had a direct financial interest in the
16 infringing product.

17 28. By reason of the Defendants', and each of their, acts of contributory and/or vicarious
18 infringement as alleged above, Plaintiff has suffered and will continue to suffer substantial
19 damages to its business in an amount to established at trial, as well as additional general and
20 special damages in an amount to be established at trial.

21 29. Due to Defendants' acts of contributory and/or vicarious copyright infringement as alleged
22 herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained direct and indirect profits they would
23 have not otherwise realized bur for their infringement of the Subject Design. As such,
24 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants' profits directly and indirectly attributable
25 to Defendants' infringement of the Subject Design, an amount to be established at trial.

26 30. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them,
27 have committed acts of infringement alleged herein with actual or constructive knowledge of
28 Plaintiff's rights such that Plaintiff is entitled to a finding of willful infringement.

1 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

2 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for judgment against all Defendants as follows:

3 **Against All Defendants**

4 With respect to Each Claim for Relief:

- 5 1. That Defendants, their agents and servants be enjoined from infringing Plaintiff's copyrights
6 in any manner;
- 7 2. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum
8 to be proven at time of trial, or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as
9 available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*;
- 10 3. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C.
11 § 101 *et seq.*;
- 12 4. That Plaintiff be awarded pre-judgment interest as allowed by law;
- 13 5. That Plaintiff be awarded costs of litigation; and
- 14 6. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the Court deems proper.

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16 **DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY**

17 Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury in this action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
18 38 and the Seventh Amendment of the Constitution.

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20 Dated: January 21, 2016

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23 Respectfully submitted,

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25 /s/ C. Yong Jeong, _____
26 C. Yong Jeong, Esq.
27 Attorney for Plaintiff, UNICOLORS, INC.
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